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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

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Group Art Unit: 1771

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For: METHOD FOR PRODUCING A HYDROPHOBICALLY FINISHED ARAMID FABRIC
AND USE THEREOF

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In reply to the April 29, 2005 Restriction Requirement, Applicants provisionally elect
Group I, claims 1-17, with traverse.

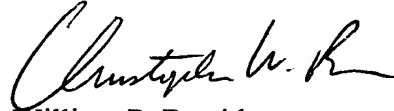
Applicant notes that non-elected claims 18 and 19 are directed to materials produced
by the method of elected claims 1-17. Thus, it would appear that a complete search of the
method claims would necessarily entail a search for the product made by the method.
Accordingly, it would appear that there is no burden to search for the subject matter of claims
18 and 19 along with the subject matter of claims 1-17.

It is thus respectfully submitted that the subject matter of all claims 1-19 is sufficiently
related that a thorough search for the subject matter of any one Group of claims would
encompass a search for the subject matter of the remaining claims. Thus, it is respectfully
submitted that the search and examination of the entire application could be made without
serious burden. See MPEP §803 in which it is stated "if the search and examination of an

entire application can be made without serious burden, the examiner must examine it on the merits, even though it includes claims to independent or distinct inventions" (emphasis added). It is respectfully submitted that this policy should apply in the present application in order to avoid unnecessary delay and expense to Applicants and duplicative examination by the Patent Office.

Thus, withdrawal of the Restriction Requirement is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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